

WEST EXTENSION IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting

Chairperson Philippi called the Board meeting to order on July 16, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Port of Morrow offices in Boardman. Those in attendance were: Board members, Dalarie Philippi, Vern Frederickson, Abe McNamee, and Bob Mueller; Board Secretary/Manager, Bev Bridgewater; Bureau of Reclamation Field Manager, Sean Kimbrel. Director Warren Kemper was unable to attend.

AGENDA: Mueller moved to approve the agenda as presented. Frederickson seconded. Motion passed.

MONTHLY BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mueller moved to approve the minutes of the June monthly Board meeting. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

BILLS PAYABLE: After review, Frederickson moved to approve the June accounts payable list in the amounts of \$100,311.75. Mueller seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT: The financial report for the period ending May 31, 2020 was reviewed.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

MANAGER'S' REPORT: A written report was distributed to the directors and is attached to and a part of the minutes. Review & discussion.

DISTRICT BUSINESS

FARMERS CONSERVATION ALLIANCE: A Zoom meeting was held with the District and several folks from Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA). From FCA were Julie O'Shea, Executive Director, Margi Hoffman, Strategic Outreach Director, and Preston Brown, IMP Project Manager. Introductions were made. Julie gave an overview of the Irrigation Modernization Project (IMP) developed by FCA and funded by Oregon Energy Trust. The purpose is to upgrade irrigation systems to use the best available technologies to provide water effectively, minimize operation & maintenance costs and increase local energy generation (hydro). The IMP looks at:

- ❖ Hydro potential
- ❖ Use of telemetry
- ❖ Piping laterals for water conservation

- ❖ Lining canals for optimum delivery
- ❖ Engineering
- ❖ District administration

- ❖ District financial plan and budgeting
- ❖ Strategy for improvements
- ❖ Other items, as needed

Once investigation is complete, FCA helps with planning, They assist with setting priorities, finding funding, regulatory needs, and addressing environmental concerns. They strive to be a “one stop shop” to help the District modernize their systems and take advantage of water conservation grants and hydro potential.

Abe stated the board is committed to modernizing and upgrading their system, as FCA outlines. Dalarie asked the next steps.

- 1) Once Board agrees, FCA will work on securing the grant thru Energy Trust of Oregon..
- 2) They will hold a kick-off meeting and work with WEID to learn about their GIS, engineering, District administration, operations and so forth. A scope of work will be developed.
- 3) They will deploy teams to work on the plan.
- 4) An action plan will be developed.

Vern asked about the upfront cost. Julie stated the grant will finance FCA. WEID will provide staff time and access to its system.

MOTION: Mueller mad a motion to enter into a contract with the Energy Trust of Oregon and with Farmers Conservation Alliance and authorize the Manager to review and sign the Contract. McNamee seconded. Motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went into executive session at 10:45 a.m. to review CTUIR water right negotiations. Executive session was closed at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chairperson Philippi adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

Signed:

Bev Bridgewater, Secretary

Attest:

Dalarie Philippi, Chairperson